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New Non-Physician Specialty Code for Indirect Payment Procedure (IPP) Billers

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Article is intended for non-physician practitioners submitting claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

Provider Action Needed

Effective October 1, 2013, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will use physician specialty code C2 as the primary and/or secondary specialty code for the Indirect Payment Procedure (IPP) billers. IPP billers should self-designate their Medicare specialty on the appropriate Form CMS-855 application when they register in the Medicare program. Specialty codes are used by CMS for programmatic and claims processing purposes.

Background

Certain health benefit plans furnish Medicare complementary coverage for their members. If such an entity qualifies as an IPP biller under 42 CFR section 424.66[j], which may be viewed at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2010-title42-vol3/pdf/CFR-2010-title42-vol3-sec424-66.pdf>, it

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may seek payment in the Medicare Fee-For-Service program for Part B items and services furnished to a Medicare beneficiary by a physician or other supplier. CR 8282 announces that CMS established a new non-physician specialty code of C2 (Indirect Payment Procedure), effective October 1, 2013. The Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System (PECOS) and MACs will recognize and use this new specialty code.

Additional Information

The official instruction, CR 8282 issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R2721CP.pdf> on the CMS website. A related transmittal that updates the "Medicare Financial Management Manual" is <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/Downloads/R221FM.pdf> on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your MAC at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

News Flash - Generally, Medicare Part B covers one flu vaccination and its administration per flu season for beneficiaries without co-pay or deductible. Now is the perfect time to vaccinate beneficiaries. Health care providers are encouraged to get a flu vaccine to help protect themselves from the flu and to keep from spreading it to their family, co-workers, and patients. Note: The flu vaccine is not a Part D-covered drug. For more information, visit:

- [MLN Matters® Article #MM8433](#), "Influenza Vaccine Payment Allowances - Annual Update for 2013-2014 Season"
- [MLN Matters® Article #SE1336](#), "2013-2014 Influenza (Flu) Resources for Health Care Professionals"
- [HealthMap Vaccine Finder](#) - a free, online service where users can search for locations offering flu and other adult vaccines. While some providers may offer flu vaccines, those that don't can help their patients locate flu vaccines within their local community.

Free Resources can be downloaded from the CDC website including prescription-style tear-pads that will allow you to give a customized flu shot reminder to patients at high-risk for complications from the flu. On the CDC order form, under "Programs", select "Immunizations and Vaccines (Influenza/Flu)" for a list of flu related resources.

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